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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/119 FOR #1733

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 10, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 o.p.o.

REGARDING: Governor of Eritrea has instructed distribution to farmers
of selected grain and modern implements. Rules and plans
for future Agricultural development.

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NOTE

SEE 865D.01/142 FOR Despatch #1758
FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 26, 1938
TO _____ NAME _____ 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Agriculture- Italian East Africa. Inauguration at Naghelli of
an experimental livestock station and farm.

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An experimental livestock station and farm was inaugurated at Naghelli on June 13th, to be a part of the agricultural school which will shortly be opened in that center.

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NOTE

SEE865d.01/262..... FORDespatch #233.....

FROMItaly..... (.....Phillips.....) DATEDFeb. 24, 1937.....
TO NAME 1-1127 070

REGARDING: Agriculture- Italian East Africa. List of experts sailing
for Ethiopia to investigate possibilities of agricultural
development.

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Among other missions which recently sailed for Ethiopia were the following:

Experts of the recently formed Textile Fibre Company of Ethiopia, to investigate the possibilities of cultivating fibrous plants suitable for use by the Italian textile industry;

Two experts of the National Rice Organization, together with an official of the Ministry of Colonies, to determine the localities most suitable for the cultivation of rice for native needs;

Experts of the Italian Company for Studying and Breeding Animals in the Colonies, to ascertain the localities best suited for raising sheep in Italian East Africa;

Experts of the Ethiopian Milk Company to study the possibilities of establishing and developing the milk products industry;

Experts of the Ethiopian Meat Company, to investigate the cattle resources of Ethiopia.

The following list of important companies, which have up to now been established to do business in Italian East Africa, was published in the press on February 20th:

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Company for Ethiopian Cotton, capital of 2 million lire, headquarters at Addis Ababa;

Vegetable Textile Fibre Company of Ethiopia, capital of 1 million lire, headquarters at Milan;

Company for Oil-bearing Seeds and Fruits, capital of 500,000 lire, headquarters at Milan;

Ethiopian Company for the Milk and Milk Products Industry, capital of 500,000 lire, headquarters at Rome.

Company for Processing Meats, capital of 1 million lire, headquarters at Rome;

Cement Company of Ethiopia, capital of 10 million lire, headquarters at Bergamo;

Italian Company for the Study and Breeding of Animals in the Colonies, capital of 1 million lire, headquarters at Milan;

Tanning Company of Ethiopia, capital of 1 million lire, headquarters at Milan;

Company for the Brick Industry in Ethiopia, capital of 3 million lire, headquarters in Milan;

Ethiopian Company of Mining Engineers and Industrialists, capital of 20 million lire, headquarters in Milan;

National Company of Electric Concerns of Ethiopia, capital of 2 millions, headquarters in Milan;

Ethiopian Explosives Company, capital of 1 million lire, headquarters at Milan.

Manufacture of Italian chocolate regu-

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SEE 865d.01/281 FOR #336
FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED Apr. 25, 1937
TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING:

Agriculture - Italian East Africa.

News despatches from Addis Ababa report that an intensive campaign is under way to make Italian East Africa independent with regard to food supplies.

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SEE 865d.01/286 FOR Des.#371

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED May 20, 1937
NAME 1-1127 670

REGARDING:

Report of Italian administration and development of Ethiopia.
Trip of a group of Italian farmers into Ethiopia under the
auspices of the Ministry of Italian Africa for the purpose of inducing
them to select land for cultivation and settle there.

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SEE 865.61/26 FOR # 625

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED October 29, 1937.
TO NAME 1-1137 GPO

REGARDING: Agricultural developments of the reclaimed areas in Italy
and Italian East Africa.

Encouragement of -

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SEE 865d.52/16 FOR Report #74

FROM Naples (Withey) DATED Oct.20, 1937
TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING: Farm loan financing in Libya.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.50/8 FOR Report #8

FROM Naples (Edwards) DATED Feb.5, 1938

TO

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REGARDING:

Agricultural developments in East Africa.

Summary of newspaper article giving information concerning -.

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SEE865d.00/34..... FORReport #44.....

FROMNaples..... (.....McCloud.....) DATEDApril 28, 1938
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Miscellaneous Agricultural Pursuits -- Italian East Africa.
Review of the -- which Italy is attempting to develop.
New Italian program for Ethiopian autarchy will comprise
an increase of and improvement in plant cultivation.

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tional trade, and interval development based upon the results of the colony's own efforts. The Empire is to come into its own by exporting its native products on as large a scale as possible and the profits derived therefrom are to be used for two purposes: (1) to further expand Empire trade and (2) to equip Ethiopia economically for the future. A determination of the colony's worth, using the world market as a yard-stick, is what seems to be in mind. It is hoped that such action, contemplating an elimination of Government restrictions in industrial, commercial and exchange operations will serve to speed the maturing of the colony into maximum economic and military usefulness.

More specifically, the scope of this project will comprise:

(1) an increase of and improvement in plant cultivation, particularly that upon which the native diet is based and the adaptation of those plants for national consumption if required. This feature also contemplates the creation of related auxiliary industries for flour, sugar, canned goods, fertilizers, et cetera.

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Agricultural
Pursuits.

In stressing the importance for greater activity in these industries concerned primarily with the production and exportation of Ethiopia's native products, Italy has not neglected other pursuits considered less important in the general autarchic scheme. Simultaneous encouragement and assistance (i.e. technical advice, distribution of seeds, farm implements, etc.) are being given them in the expectation that a well rounded economic organization will result. The following examples may serve to illustrate.

The development of truck garden farming in sections adjoining the larger cities and towns is being urged. Such farms, apart from immediately contributing to the metropolitan food supply should then be advantageously situated for eventually disposing of surplus produce to projected canneries.

Sugar is another product that has commanded attention. Because it forms an important part of the natives' diet its production and refining are of especial interest to them. Mixed in relatively large quantities with flour, and baked, the result is a half bread-half cake which comprises a large portion of a native's meal, particularly that of the "Askari" (native soldiers).

However, refining facilities are lacking: the advisability of establishing them is now being studied.

One will be built in the Uase valley by the "S.A.I.D.E.", a private enterprise having under its direction the development of two sugar plantations, one at Villa Bachù in the Hararino area and another in the Uongi Plains.

Help similar to that given in the pursuits mentioned above, has been and will be extended to those engaged in the production of other products; among them the following are frequently mentioned; secondary cereals, olive oil, oleiferous plants and seeds (principally flax), wood and lumber, hemp and sericulture.

The question of how best to obtain good quality wool has not been decided. Up to date the majority of those interested in the problem seem to favor the introduction of a new, heavy wool producing breed of sheep. The present animal is raised primarily for meat and consequently is poor as a producer of fleece.

At Amaressa, a few kilometers from Harar, there is in course of construction an establishment for extracting industrial oils (details unknown at this time).

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